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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Toshio Toshima et al.

Group Art Unit: 3679

Application No. 10/539,744

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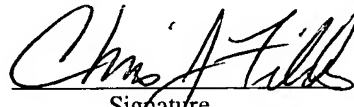
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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Mail Stop Amendment
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 17, 2006, please amend the above identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Cancel claims 1 and 2.

Amend claims 3 and 7 – 9 as follows: